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Letter dated 21 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement issued on 16 June 2016 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) (see annex I) and a statement issued on 19 June 2016 by a spokesperson for the National Defence Commission of the DPRK with regard to recent nuclear threats posed by the United States against DPRK (see annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council as soon as possible.

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Annex I to the letter dated 21 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement released on 16 June 2016 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

On 13 June, the U.S. nuclear submarine *Mississippi* entered Pusan port, south Korea, its first appearance in Asia-Pacific.

The sub, which was put into commission in 2012, is an up-to-date nuclear attack submarine of the U.S. Navy with the mission of attack and special operations and equipped with lots of torpedoes and cruise-missile-launching devices.

During the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 joint military exercises, which it staged in south Korea for over 50 days since March, the U.S. mobilized its *Stennis* nuclear carrier, B-52 and B-2 nuclear strategic bombers, F-22A stealth fighters and other means for huge strategic nuclear attack, creating a touch-and-go situation.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK in a statement on Thursday said:

Two U.S. nuclear subs are constantly cruising waters in Asia-Pacific around the Korean Peninsula and "precision air raid operation" against the nuclear facilities and nuclear force of the DPRK is in the process of open preparation in the U.S. The entry of the *Mississippi* into south Korea against this backdrop is a direct threat to the security of the DPRK and the peace of the region.

The ceaseless introduction of strategic assets of various kinds to and around the Korean Peninsula by the U.S. is rendering the already unstable situation all the more uncontrollable.

The best way of averting a war and ensuring peace on the Korean Peninsula, the world's biggest hotspot, where there is constant danger of a nuclear war due to the ceaseless U.S. provocations for a new war, is to bolster the DPRK nuclear deterrence for self-defence in every way.

The line of the Workers' Party of Korea on simultaneously pushing forward economic construction and the building of nuclear force is the most just line for fundamentally removing the danger of a nuclear war created by the U.S. and ensuring peace and security in the region and the rest of the world by dint of powerful nuclear deterrence.

It is sophism for the U.S. to trumpet about making denuclearization a priority while persistently resorting to nuclear blackmail and nuclear war exercises against the DPRK.

The U.S. has to make a policy decision to roll back its anachronistic hostile policy towards the DPRK and withdraw its aggression troops and means of war from south Korea, clearly understanding the strategic position of the DPRK, which has ranked itself among the nuclear Powers, and facing up to the trend of the times.

Annex II to the letter dated 21 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement released on 19 June 2016 by a spokesperson for the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

These days, the situation of the Korean Peninsula is being rapidly pushed towards the danger of an outbreak of nuclear war.

A formation of strategic nuclear B-52H bombers under the 8th Air Force of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces on Guam was busy with a nuclear bomb-dropping drill under the pretext of an exercise for long-range flight and air strikes at strategic targets on 17 June.

The U.S. introduced the nuclear-powered submarine *Mississippi*, capable of mounting a nuclear attack on the rival side, into Pusan port of south Korea on 13 June.

A spokesman for the National Defence Commission of the DPRK said in a statement on Sunday in this regard:

The recent long-range flight exercise was a preparation for rapidly flying into the air over the Korean Peninsula and the exercise for air strikes at strategic targets was a mobile rehearsal for making a surprise strike on the nuclear facilities, etc., of the DPRK.

The introduction of a nuclear-powered submarine into south Korea from other waters is aimed at examining the actual possibility of hurling a nuclear force in case of a second Korean war.

The U.S. imperialists are none other than the gangsters who do not hesitate to ignite nuclear and other wars to carry out their sinister ambition to shake the DPRK's will and resolute decision by wielding a nuclear stick.

These are the true colours of the present U.S. administration, which is loud-mouthed about "a world without nuclear weapons" with an ulterior aim of forcing the DPRK "to dismantle its nukes first".

The reality goes to prove that the banner of simultaneously developing the two fronts held high by the service personnel and people of the DPRK is the best way to protect the peace of the country and the security of the nation from the disaster of a nuclear war.

Peace is dear to the DPRK.

But it does not wish to achieve peace by begging and sympathy.

Our way of achieving peace is to mount a prompt and merciless pre-emptive attack of our style on any enemy no matter from where it is coming, seeking to disturb the peace which is so dear to us.

The Korean People's Army has long put into the range of its precision strike the U.S. bases and logistic bases for invading the DPRK, including the Andersen Air

Force Base, on Guam, where B-52Hs are deployed and naval bases for nuclear submarines are located.

The U.S. should stop running amok to realize its anachronistic daydream.

The U.S. must know better about the capability of nuclear counter-attack of the DPRK, which is a nuclear Power in the East.

Rash actions disregarding reality would only invite a serious disaster.

The service personnel and people of the DPRK will dynamically advance to win a great victory, decisively foiling the "sanctions" of all hostile forces against the DPRK and their moves to stifle it and nuclear threats and blackmail against it.

The final victory is in store for the great Workers' Party of Korea and the service personnel and people of the DPRK.